8. Periodic High Level co-ordination Meetings with Government Railway Police and Local Police are conducted to analyze the crime position with a view to taking suitable preventive measures.

9. Steps have been taken to sensitize the RPF personnel to the problems of women passengers by organizing workshops and seminars.

10. Ladies' compartments are escorted in some suburban areas by lady constables of GRP and RPF.

11. Special squads consisting of ladies ticket checking staff and lady RPF personnel have been formed in Central, South Central and Western Railways to assist the women passengers.

(e) The directives will check crime against women to a satisfactory extent.

**Recruitment of Staff in CSIR**

1459. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the CSIR Service Rules, 1994 for recruitment of Scientific, Technical and Support Staff, cases of equivalence of qualification for recruitment have to be decided as per the list notified by CSIR;

(b) whether cases not covered in aforesaid have to be referred to CSIR Headquarters for determination of equivalence; and

(c) if so, the details of such cases referred for approval and the cases approved viz. name of institute and the reasons during the last three years, year-wise, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Biotech Research in India and China**

1460. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in The Hindustan Times dated the 4th February, 2002 captioned, 'China surges ahead of India in biotech race';